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1. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
Fabryka Wyrobow Blaszanych Krakow, located at Ul. Wroclawska 53 in Krakow. This name was used until Gomulka's assumption of power at which time it was renamed Transportation Equipment Factory (WSK) Krakow. The factory was built in 1954, but it was not completed until 1957. The layout and the use of the various buildings appear on sketch 1. The factory was heavily guarded. The employees' identity cards were good only for the section of the factory in which they worked. Body searches were often made.
2. [redacted] 50X1-HUM
persons employed by the firm: 50X1-HUM
- a. The director was Azbot (fnu) [redacted]
- b. The name of the production chief was Kruczak (fnu). [redacted]
- d. The manager of Hall 104 (aircraft parts) was an engineer, Stanislaw Korzyk [redacted] 50X1-HUM
- e. The manager of the tool and die shop was Wrana (fnu).

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- f. The name of one of the engineers in Hall 194 was Maczynski (fnu). 50X1-HUM
- g. The manager of the storehouse for raw materials was Zygmunt Siedleczko

3. Helicopter parts are manufactured in Hall 194.

[redacted] these probably are parts of the motor block. The cast parts come from the Soviet Union marked with numbers, and the factory grinds and polishes them so that parts with the same number fit into one unit. All helicopter parts are sent to Rzeszow where they are assembled in an underground factory. After the assembly, the helicopters are sent to the Soviet Union.

4. Tank parts, for instance brakes, wires, and tubing, are manufactured in "Hall 105." The tanks are assembled in a factory in the vicinity of Warsaw, but [redacted] some boxes with parts from "Hall 105" were to be sent to East Germany.

5. Gas heaters had previously been manufactured in "Hall 102," but now the hall has been renamed "Hall 103," and they have started producing containers which [redacted] are to be used for rockets. Cold-rolled plates, about 1 mm. thick, came from East Germany and actual size models were received from the Soviet Union. A number of prototypes were then produced, and the results were so good that the engineers were awarded certificates for their efforts.

The plates are of the finest sheet metal that can be obtained, and when carrying them, the men wear gloves in order not to scratch them. If there is a small dent in the plates, they can not be used. The containers are about 80 cm. high and have a diameter of approximately 19 cm. They have a convex cover and a locking mechanism on the side. The inside was lined with felt and they had several indentations at the bottom as shown on sketch 2. To test the internal dimensions of the containers, units, which looked like rockets, were inserted into them. [redacted] drawing of these units also appears on sketch 2. these "rockets" did not have fins.

6. Legend to Sketch 1

1. Purchasing office.
2. Accounting office.
3. Compressor station.
4. District heating station.
5. Raw materials storehouse.
6. Tracks leading to the raw materials storehouse.
7. Gate which only the guard may open.
8. Carpenter's shop; manufacture of crates for shipments to other countries.
9. Galvanization plant.
10. Painter's shop.
11. Storehouse for wood used to make crates.
12. Technical section (engineers and drawing office).
13. Factory control (personnel safety).
14. Transformer and emergency power station.

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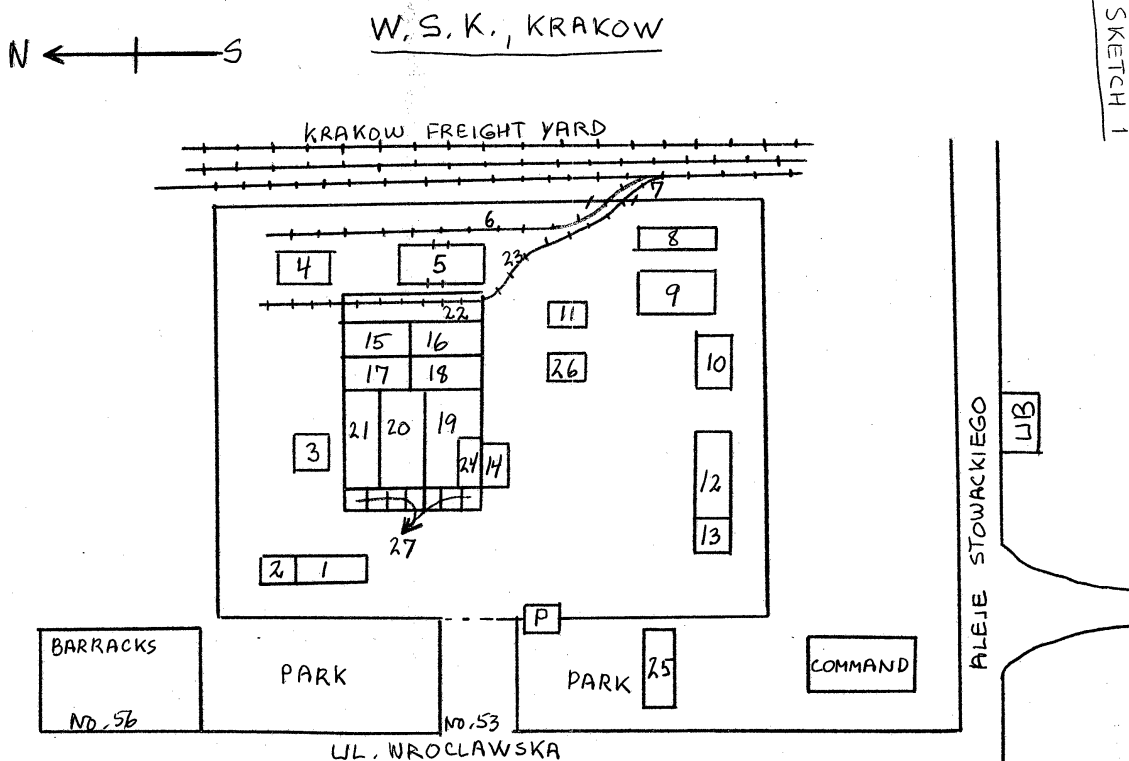
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15. Hardening furnace.
16. Magnetic examination of materials.
17. Tool shed.
18. Manufacture of tools (of steel "NC-11").
19. Hall 104. Manufactures helicopter parts.
20. Hall 105. Manufactures tank parts.
21. Previously hall 102 which manufactured gas heaters for bath-rooms. Now called Hall 103 and manufactures containers.
22. Storage of completed parts.
23. Railroad tracks inside the hall.
24. Military technical control (one captain, two lieutenants, and two civilian reserve officers).
25. Two barracks where the factory's unmarried workers live.
26. Personnel office.
27. Offices of the management.

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